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Southwest Block Party: Good, Clean Fun!

by Mercedes Sandoval-Beene

In a remarkable show of community spirit and grime control, hundreds of Southwest residents from the Randall Shelter, Greenleaf Gardens, and surrounding townhouses and apartments pitched in to clean up streets and parks on May 18. At what organizers say was the largest community clean-up in Southwest, volunteers swept up I St. from 6th to South Capitol, Greenleaf Gardens, the Randall playground, and 4th Street from I to the 295 underpass.

Area merchants did their part with generous donations of food, beverages, and cleaning supplies. The high-spirited block party held afterwards featured entertainment from Amidon and Jefferson students and the "Side-by-Side" police band. June Hirsch of Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans' office presented certificates of appreciation to event organizers Mary Ann Bailer and Sandy Schwarz, representing volunteers from Adopt-a-Block, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and the Capitol Park II and IV condominiums. The event caught the eye of CBS, which sent a producer and cameraman to cover some of the events. A portion was featured that night on the CBS Evening News.

According to Schwarz, police estimated that 700 people attended the event. Organizers said they wish to thank the following: CVS, Domino's Pizza, Jenny's Chinese Restaurant, Julie's Hallmark, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Premier Printing & Services, Rainbow Records, Roy Rogers, Waterside Fitness & Swim Club, Wendy's, Capitol Park II & IV, Capitol Park V apartments, Charles E. Smith Companies, Catholic Charities Homeless Services Division, Associates for Renewal in Education, and the D.C. Department of Public Works.

Volunteers who want to help organize the next Southwest Clean-Up Gala and Block Party can call Mary Ann Bailer at 202-479-0571 or Sandy Schwarz at 202-554-8739.

Mercedes Sandoval-Beene, long-time Southwest resident and owner of MSB Communications, was one of the exhausted but exhilarated clean-up volunteers that day.



Mary Ann Bailer (center) at sign-up

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Scholarship Grants... Moving On

Fortified with college degrees, our 1995 and 1996 graduates are moving into exciting new life phases. Best wishes to all of our graduates and here is an update on some of them: Ateya Ball graduated from Howard University and is looking forward to a trip to South Africa; Shantella Edwards is writing free lance for a media company; Malonda Richards recently returned from Europe and is now working in New York; N'Dieye Gray has been working in Atlanta for the Olympic Committee in the area of media; Tony Murray is working for Parsons Corporation on the construction of the new terminal at National Airport; and Gregory Triplett will begin a masters program in electrical engineering this fall in Florida.

While these young adults move on, the Scholarship Committee is turning its focus to the 23 applicants who are seeking financial support this year. **PLEASE** send your tax deductible contribution to: SWNA Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 70481, Washington, DC, 20024.

Renovations

Many of us have heard rumors or seen evidence of the many improvements underway in Southwest's Public Housing. This includes Greenleaf (starting on I Street and going down 3rd Street and Delaware Avenue to M Street), and eventually, 203 N, Syphax Gardens and James Creek. The job at Greenleaf is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Bob Firth, the Construction Manager, will speak at the SWNA meeting on June 24th. His office, Construction Management is overseeing this large federal HUD project. It is at 1200 Delaware Ave., S.W. (the Senior Citizens Building). The Facility Manager is Johnny Thompson. Whenever possible, local people are hired to work on the site.

Mr. Firth will explain the operations at the meeting. Below is a listing of some of the planned work at Greenleaf. The plans include, removing the old and installation of new roofs, removing the canopies from over the doors and replacing them with pediments, installation of new lights with address number, steam cleaning

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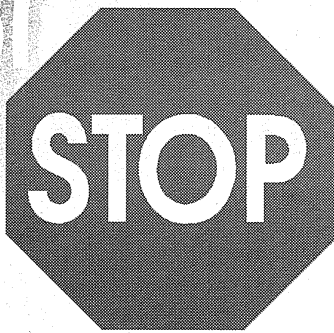
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SWNA:

The SWNA Meeting will be on Monday, June 24 at Anthony Bowen School. Delaware and M Street. Come and support our community. This will be an "R and R" meeting, on the topics of Renovation and Recycling. We will hear from Mr. Firth, Head Contractor for the Greenleaf Gardens renovation and from Mike O'Reilly of EPA about creative ways to deal with recycling in our neighborhood.





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Wanted: Your Feedback on Our Facelift!

The *Southwester* is looking for your comments, suggestions, and ideas as we undergo some changes in our editorial content, layout, and design, and advertising policies. Why the facelift? To better serve you and the community, to improve the way we cover the news that's important to you, and to create a more economically viable and attractive publication.

We will be phasing in these changes gradually, starting with the September 1996 issue. Drop us a note by August 31 and keep your comments brief and to the point, please. (Sorry, we're not able to take your comments by phone). We will consider all ideas but cannot guarantee we'll implement them all. Address your comments to "Southwester Facelift" and drop them off at the Southwest Public Library, 3rd and I Streets, S.W., or mail to The Southwester, P.O. Box 70131, Washington, D.C. 20024.

Zoning

ANC 2D has considered the Office of Planning's proposal for replacing the expiring SW Urban Renewal Plan Controls with conventional zoning regulations. At the zoning meeting of May 13, 1996, the ANC voted on the proposal. Plan Area, Project C, shall not be deemed non-conforming.

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SW Community Calendar Summer 1996

June 22, Saturday Southwest Community House Awards reception, 3 p.m., Odyssey Cruises, 600 Water Street, S.W., (for info. call 488-7210).

June 22, Saturday Lani Pinkney Fitness Walk fund raiser, 8 a.m. 8th and H Street, Northeast. Donations tax deductible. (for info. call Sgt Alexander, 727-0785).

June 24, Monday Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting, 7 p.m., Bowen School, Delaware Ave. and M Street, S.W.

July 2, Tuesday First District Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., 1D Headquarters, 415-4th Street, S.W.

July 8, Monday Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, S.W.

August 6, Tuesday First District Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., 1D Headquarters, 415-4th Street, S.W.

Sept 3, Tuesday First District Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., 1D Headquarters, 415-4th Street, S.W.

Sept 10, Tuesday D.C. Primary Election, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sept 16, Monday Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, S.W.

Sept 18, Wednesday AARP Chapter 4751, SW Waterfront Chapter, 12Noon, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, S.W.

Sept 18, Wednesday Wiley Branton CDC Board, St. Augustine Church, 600 M Street, S.W. 7 p.m.

Sept 26, Thursday NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.

(Note: Many Southwest Organizations are not meeting during the summer months. Please submit calendar items before September 7 for next calendar listing to C.W. Hargrave (554-8284))

ANC-2D July 8 Mtg. to Focus on Syphax School

The priority agenda item for the July 8 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D will be the Syphax School property disposition. Representatives from Habitat for Humanity and other Southwest groups and organizations are being invited to present proposals to ANC-2D. For information, contact Executive Director G. Simon, 202-554-1795.

Correction: Last month's issue was dated June 1966 - clearly a mistake.

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Dear Editor:

I am honored that you chose to share my letter with your *SOUTHWESTER* readers. For your information, my letter was faxed to Ward 2 Councilman, Jack Evans, and also to Thomas D'Amato, President, Washington Waterfront Association; Gottlieb Simon, Advisory Neighborhood Commission; and Inspector Albert Broadbent, Commander, Metropolitan Police, District 1-D. Copies of the letter were hand-delivered to certain Southwest residents who are active in the community.

Also, the beginning sentence of the first paragraph is missing from my letter in the June issue; therefore, I respectfully request that you print that paragraph in its entirety as follows:

"The Southwest waterfront is currently under great stress. Unmanaged, nonrestricted traffic, poorly-designated parking and/or dumping of trash and garbage all contribute to a situation that threatens to seriously degrade the quality of life of this area."

The letter was signed by me and by forty-one other Southwest residents. Copies of signatures are available upon request.

I am including a report on the current status of our efforts to bring stability to the Southwest neighborhoods: On May 8, with other Tiber Island residents, I met with the Washington Waterfront Association (WWA) to discuss the problems outlined in the letter. Listed below are some discussion items relevant to Southwest's problems: 1. President D'Amato pledged to send a letter to the fish market requesting they cooperate with and assist the WWA in keeping the waterfront free of trash. 2. Also that the WWA would write a letter to Councilman Jack Evans to propose the meeting with the various agencies and officials, which was proposed by letter, as soon as possible. 3. Mr. D'Amato also announced that the WWA had sought and obtained bids for a university study to ascertain the extent of the parking problem and suggestions for solutions, since waterfront businesses have recognized it is a problem. 4. Sgt. Porter pledged the support of the 1st District Police. 5. It was announced during the meeting that 30,000 signatures have been gathered on a petition circulated earlier in Ward 2, allowing gambling on the Waterfront to be placed on the November ballot.

The following day, Irv Gamza met with Lt. Medlock of the 1st District Police and they discussed the part of my letter that states my observations of the police presence on the waterfront. Lt. Medlock did pledge to increase the police presence immediately.

The Fourth Street Neighborhood Group, during its May meeting, adopted a resolution accepting my letter and also created a Task Force, which I agreed to lead in pursuit of solutions to the Southwest's problems which are outlined in my letter.

Those who are interested in reporting bus parking and pollution violations can call: D.C. Police Department of Public Works; Parking Enforcement (202) 727-9208; 6:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. - George Carr; 12:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. -

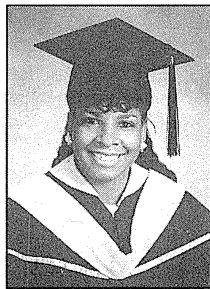
Shirley Ferguson. They are the Supervisors of the DPW ticket issuers and they have been responsive to my calls.

Sincerely, Davelene Renshaw

Funding for the Arts! D.C. Commission on the Arts Grants Applications

Applications and guidelines for fiscal 1997 grants programs of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities are now available. Grants are awarded annually to non-profit arts and community organizations located in the District of Columbia and to individual artists, arts administrators and arts educators who are District residents.

There are three competitive grants programs: The Arts Education Projects Program funds arts activities serving the District's young people; the City Arts Projects Program funds projects bringing arts to broader audiences through events and exhibits throughout the District, particularly culturally underserved communities; the Grants in Aid Program awards individual artist fellowships and support for non-profit arts organizations for their artistic excellence. Applications can be picked up at Stables Art Center. All guidelines include a schedule of application workshops. Applications in all programs will be accepted until 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 1, 1996.



Robin A. Caraway

Robin Anette Caraway Receives Doctor of Optometry Degree

Robin Anette Caraway, formerly of Southwest Washington, D.C., daughter of Celestine Caraway of Southwest Washington, was recently awarded the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree during the 75th Commencement of Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia.

Dr. Caraway is a 1988 graduate of Howard University and University of D.C. of Washington, D.C. with a degree in Mortuary Science.

The staff of *The Southwester* would like to hear from other graduating college students. Send a paragraph and a picture to "The Southwester", POB 70131, Washington, DC, 20024.

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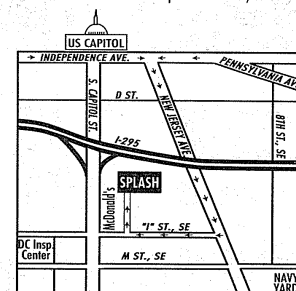
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WMATA Holds Public Hearing on P2 Bus

WMATA held a public hearing on June 5, 1996, at the WMATA headquarters, 600 5th Street, N.W., to obtain resident input on the P2 bus service. Mrs. Gladys Mack, WMATA Board Member, conducted the hearing. The WMATA Board is proposing to retain existing weekday service of the P2 bus on a permanent basis. Comm: C.W. Hargrave, ANC 2D-02, testified in behalf of retaining and expanding P2 bus service.

Condolences to Mrs. Pauline S. Hamlette, principal of Amidon School on the death of her son-in-law.

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Camp Applications

Michelle Browne, a Howard University graduate student, is the new summer programs coordinator at Southwest House, 156 Q St. S.W. Phone her at 488-7210.

Time is short for Southwest parents to sign up their children for overnight camps like Camp Riverview in Scotland, MD, run by the D.C. Dept. of Recreation, or a number of daycamps, like Sidwell Friends half-day basketball camp near the Tenleytown station on the Metrorail red line.

Free registration will be provided for some camps by the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force, which held a fund raiser at Foxtrappe Club on the Southwest waterfront.

Project Wonder Summer Camp

A summer Bible Camp, sponsored by SW Clergy Association, SW Churches, and SW community organizations, is being held August 12-16, 1996, Landsburg Park, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Focus is the Life of Jesus, come to know who Jesus is through scriptures and through each other.

NEED VOLUNTEERS !!!!! Contact Zandra Earl, 202-554-8682.

"Summer Jobs for Youth" Kick-Off

Pizza and advice for on-the-job were handed out to Southwest youth at a summer jobs kick-off at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church last Saturday. It was arranged by Southwest Community House and sponsored by the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force.

Over 150 youth in zipcode 20024 have registered for the Mayor's Summer Job program. In the past, some transportation and lunch money was made available by the task force to summer job holders who needed help.

YATF "Kids for Camp"

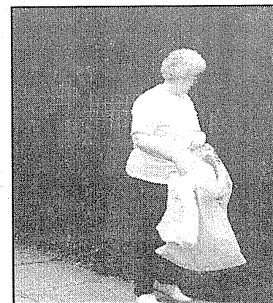
Registration fees have been paid already for more than 20 Southwest Youth to attend camps this summer, and another 30 are expected to sign up in the coming weeks. For the second year in a row the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force is sponsoring Southwest children at such programs as Challenger Space Camp, Living Stage, Howard U. Basketball Camp, Sidwell Friends day camps, and residential camps in Maryland and Virginia.

Recommendations have been received by the YATF from counselors and coaches at Amidon and Bowen Elementary Schools and Jefferson Jr. High.

No more day camps will be financed by YATF in 1996, but parents interested in overnight camps can contact task force members Mary Ann Bailer (479-0571), Dale MacIver (488-7622), Betty Brown (863-0136), or Walter Brooks (554-4528), or the Southwest House summer programs coordinator, Michelle Browne (488-7210).

Applications for the Police Boys & Girls Club Camp Brown are at Club #4 (727-4618). The Recreation Dept. camping headquarters is located at 1230 Taylor St. N.W. (202)576-7390. Contributions, which are tax deductible, are still being accepted by the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force. Checks, made out to the Southwest Community Council, Inc., can be mailed to:

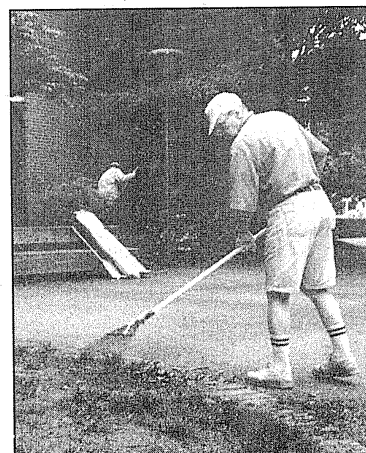
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*Yum,
it's time
to eat*



Two residents, hard at work

Stories from the World Bank

by Thelma P. Jones

When Thelma Jones, an employee of the World Bank, began organizing visits for 6th graders from Amidon Elementary School to find out how the World Bank raised and managed its money, she set in motion an interesting partnership. One of the Staff she asked to speak to the students developed role plays around the life of a little boy in Ghana, named Kofi, and a little girl in Peru, named Maria to help the students understand the challenges of development.

Amidon Principal, Pauline S. Hamlette embraced the idea and Art Instructor Beverly Carpenter supervised the eleven children who drew and painted the pictures of Kofi, his village and his family. Our local students' work was published in a book of "Stories from the World Bank" published by Cobblestone Publishing of New Hampshire in December 1995. The three story book is titled "Meet Kofi, Maria and Sunita: Family life in Ghana, Peru, and India."

Since then our local students have been congratulated and honored for their work on three occasion. First, the World Bank organized a reception at which Mark Malloch Brown, Vice President of External Affairs praised the wonderful pictures and presented Mrs. Hamlette with a plaque. The plaque reads: Award of Appreciation presented to students of Amidon Elementary School: Whitney Brown, Sandra Burgos, Milton Costen, Michelle Edwards, Eric Green, Jamal Jones, Joi Nash, Carla Norde, Ingrid Pena, Jovan Washington, Christopher Zigler, and Mrs Beverly Carpenter for illustrating "Kofi's Folks."

Several weeks later, Amidon School held an assembly in honor of the illustrators. The school was honored to have among the VIP guests Board Superintendent Franklin L. Smith and Ward II School Board Representative Ann Wilcox. Dr. Smith, on being presented with an autographed copy of the book by World Bank official Tim Cullen, was full of praise for the students' team spirit and magnificent artwork. Ms. Simmons, author of the text, also praised the students for a job well-done. She said that when she thinks of "Kofi's Folks" she thinks of the students of Amidon School. Not just because they produced the wonderful pictures, but because she first thought up the stories for Amidon's Young Investor's Club visitors.

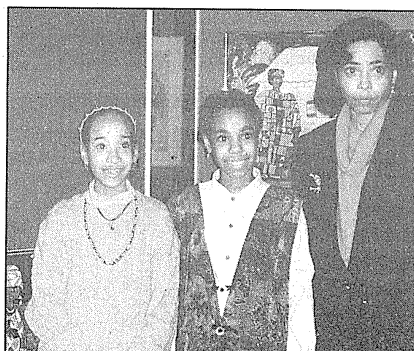
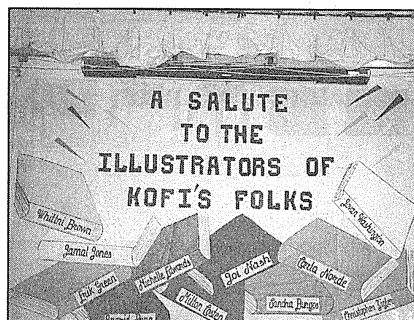
More than a dozen Southwest civic leaders attended the Amidon Assembly. Among them was SWNA president Beryl Rice who was inspired to invite the students and Ms. Simmons to talk about the project at SWNA's Annual Meeting. Ms. Simmons gave a summary of the stories in the book and described how Amidon had become involved. One of the talented illustrators, Jamal Jones, described each picture as Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Jones displayed large copies of the colorful pictures.

The book includes two other charming stories; one about Maria in Peru and another about Sunita in India that are illustrated by children in New York and Chicago, respectively. While the

book does not earn money for the author or the World Bank, the royalties are going to a fine cause; they are donated to the Lewis T. Preston Program for Girls which provides funding so that girls from poor families in the developing world can go to school.

Amidon School and the Southwest community can take pride in their students for bringing the world a little closer together and winning the hearts of Southwest residents and all who read it. The book recently won an award from the Education Press.

Autographed copies of Meet Kofi, Maria and Sunita" can be ordered by calling (202) 473-1791.



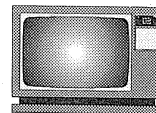
Amidon Students, Whitney Brown, Joi Nash; Art Teacher, Beverly Carpenter.



School Board Representative, Ann Wilcox.

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Bowen Bobcats -- Region "A" Champs

by Melvin Mayo, Teacher/Coach

The Anthony Bowen Bobcat Basketball Team, sporting a 12-2 record, was recently crowned Champions of Region "A" in the DCIAA. Only a heart-breaking one-point loss to Harris kept the Bobcats from advancing to the City Championship game.

The team leaders in scoring and rebounding included MVP Gregory Head, Sean Coulter, David Simmons, Antione Smith, James Tillman and Darnell Mack.

Coached by Melvin Mayo, the Bobcats proudly boast of 74 wins, 11 losses, four Region "A" titles, a City-Wide Championship and just a single defeat at home during the past eight seasons.

Late Meeting

Fairly late in my life
I met a man
Who understood me
Who I could understand

We went everywhere
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We were lifted by the other

During our glorious early days
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Even after illnesses
Wrecked his body and his mind
He remained a person of honor
One who was brave, caring, and kind

When faced with the probability of death
He'd say "doctor, do what you have to
No matter how hazardous the treatment
He somehow keeps pulling through

I miss who he used to be
Alone, I cry a lot
Because he is still who I want
He is still all I've got

Watching as he struggles,
Hurts and is awfully hard
but then he is still alive
So I say thank God, thank-you God.

copr., Margaret H. Oliver 1996



Jefferson Junior High, Boys Baseball Team '96



Urban Missioners in SW

Two new urban 'missioners' have come to Southwest. On April 21, the Reverends Brian and Ruth Hamilton were installed as co-pastors of the Westminster Presbyterian congregation, located in the contemporary White brick church at 4th and I. Reverend Ruth Hamilton is a third-generation Presbyterian minister with roots in New Mexico, Arkansas, and Texas. Reverend Brian Hamilton was raised in Maine with an American Baptist heritage. Most of his adult life was spent in Philadelphia where he became a true 'urbanophile.' They have purchased a rowhouse on Carrollburg Place and are excited about living and working in the Southwest neighborhood. "Due to some health setbacks, we got off to a slow start after arriving in February, but God brought us through those challenges and we are ready to focus our renewed energy on the work at hand," said Reverend Ruth. Both came from serving in much larger congregations in Detroit. They are stimulated by the density, activity, and beauty of DC. Westminster is a great church. It has long stepped out and welcomed all people regardless of gender, race, economic class, or sexual preference. The church has particularly been a refuge for gays and lesbians who found rejection in other congregations. That openness made Westminster a natural place for a ministry like Food & Friends to begin. (Food & Friends, which prepares and delivers meals to homebound persons with AIDS, worked out of the church basement for 10 years until moving to its new location in 1995).

Unfortunately, not everybody is ready for such openness and inclusion and this perhaps is a reason the congregation has yet to reach its full potential. The Hamiltons are dedicated to reaching that potential through strong preaching, vital worship, outreach to families and individuals, and creative initiatives in economic development through technology and the arts.

Westminster was started in 1853. It remained committed to Southwest through the radical change of urban renewal and their goal is to continue that unfinished renewal by building up the congregation into a truly gracious, affirming, justice-seeking community with a common commitment to spiritual growth for all who gather here and to making human life more human in the place God has planted us. They look forward to meeting more of their Southwest neighbors. The Hamiltons can be reached at the church, 484-7700, 400 I Street, S.W.

Spotlight on a Community Citizen

Who loves children and living in Southwest D.C.? Gloria Hamilton, a resident of our neighborhood for the past 13 years, who grew up in Northeast Washington.

Currently Vice-President of the Resident's Council of Syphax Apartments, Director of the Syphax Youth, and a volunteer at Southwest Community House, Gloria was the oldest of six in her family. And, after graduating from Chamberlin Vocational High School, entered the U.S. Army where she served as a medical specialist. Her Army duties took her to Alabama, Texas, and North Carolina. Of these, she says Texas was her favorite, thanks to the opportunities for enjoying horseback riding, the open country, and ribs!

Gloria believes one's personality influences how one gets along in new situations and in life. She likes to meet new experiences and challenges with an open mind. Her medical training enable her to witness medical miracles in which doctors mended serious wounds and helped little children deal with serious disabilities.

The mother of two adult daughters, Gloria is rightfully proud. LaShawn works for the Coast Guard at Buzzard Point and Rhonda, or Missy, (who worked at Food & Friends during her last year of High School) is a double major at Towson State.

This spring, Gloria's contribution to our community was recognized by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. With the Syphax President, Collene Williams, her duties include meetings with the Resident Council and other tenants, walking the property to ensure good maintenance and upkeep, supporting the work of the resident manager, Marsha Ridley, so Syphax is a good place to live. She is heading an effort to hold concerts and other entertainment in their courtyard this summer.

When you meet Gloria on the street, it will probably be with six to ten children trailing after her. She is one to whom the kids to with their problems and their hunger. As youth director, she does amazing things for the children without funds - she walks them to the waterfront; takes them on outings to the Zoo (when Metro fare can be arranged) and has arranged picnics in the courtyard of their apartment complex. With Mary Ann Bailer and the Adopt-a-Block program, the young people participate in cleanups and have adopted a block.

Gloria would like to have a room at Syphax for children and youth, and more playgrounds and better landscaping throughout Southwest. She believes little children have problems which are just as difficult as those of older youth. However, paying attention and caring while children are young can help them to solve their problems and grow healthier and stronger.

When she thinks of our whole Southwest community, her wish is for more cooperation between individuals and organizations.

We salute this citizen who is working for her community!

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of the natural bricks, repainting of the painted brick-work, putting in of concrete curbs, installing of a perimeter-fence with openings to individual houses, tearing down of corner walls in back-yards, putting in showers, upgrading of kitchens, doing electrical and plumbing upgrades, painting and internal patchwork, redoing of heating, fixing of electrical lines when needed, removing of overgrown trees, removing of rats, fix outdoor cement, building of several playgrounds, cleaning-up of trash, putting in more receptacles, and doing major renovations in vacant townhouses.

When we resume publication in the fall, we'll have updates on the current work being done in other parts of Southwest.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the renovation or would like to apply for a job, call the Construction Management at 727-9720. And remember, come out to the meeting at Bowen School to hear more.

AARP 5th Anniversary Celebration

by Vernice E. Howard

The Chapter celebrated its 5th anniversary at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 15.

Mr. Richard F. Ward, the chapter Historian, gave a short history on the founding of the chapter along with a list of the charter members. The first President was Mrs. Ruth Brooks, deceased. Mr. Neil Halliday, one of the charter members, gave further information on the chapter and discussed some of the activities. He, along with other charters members reminisced about the first few meetings. A good time was had by all.

The chapter meets every third Wednesday of the month at 12:15 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 3rd and M Street.

Formula for Success

Cooperative efforts of many Southwest residents and groups made our community strong advocates for the **STAND FOR CHILDREN** Rally which was on Saturday, June 1. At the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting at Bowen School on May 29, almost everyone in attendance said that they were planning to attend and support the Rally at the Lincoln Memorial.

Numerous residents provided lodging and some meals and warm hospitality for family, friends or out-of-town participants who came to be part of the **STAND FOR CHILDREN**. One example of a cooperative effort occurred when Southwest Community House Executive Director, Rick Bardach, chauffeured a busload of children who were rounded up by Gloria and Missy Hamilton and Gwen Ankrom of Syphax, and the Rev. Ruth Hamilton and Blossom Athey of Westminster Church. Supporting marchers included Sara Little, Nelson Brown and Mimi Sims of Westminster.

The success of the combined effort is proof that the most effective work can be done when Southwest residents, churches and community agencies join force. Let's keep it up! That's the way to stamp-out burn-out.

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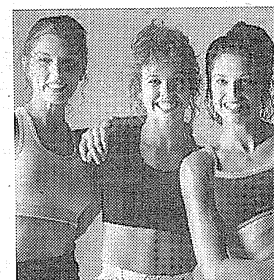
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